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TOPIC <u>Oranienburg Airfield</u>			
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REMARKS <u>This is UNEVALUATED</u>			

1. In August 1954, four air force units were quartered in the air force section of the Weisse Stadt restricted area at Oranienburg. The unit of Major Igoryev (fnu) was still quartered in building No 53 (Mans Schenn Schule) Its EM kitchen and messhall were housed in building No 52. Quarters and office of Major Igoryev were located in building No 58. Between 1300 and 1400 on 25 August, the unit was observed marching to and from the messhall in two details. The unit is estimated to have a strength of 150 men. ¹ The unit of supply officer Major Koslov (fnu) was quartered in buildings Nos 1 and 2. Until recently, the unit had no kitchen or messhall of its own. In mid-August, a kitchen and messhall, apparently to be used by all units except by that of Major Igoryev, were established in building No 2. ² The unit of an unidentified supply officer was quartered in buildings Nos 43, 56 and 57. ³ Another unit of an unidentified supply officer was quartered in buildings Nos 44, 45, 54 and 55. ⁴

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3. On 14 August, 4 biplanes were seen near the hangar at the field.

4. During the morning and afternoon on 6 August, one Po-2 each took off at the field. Between 1930 and 2300, 3 Po-2s made local flights. Between 7 and 9 August, there was no air activity. During the afternoon on 10 August, 2 Po-2s approached from the northwest and landed. There was night flying after 1945 with 3 Po-2s being aloft at the same time. The runway was usually lighted by a searchlight but occasionally take-offs and landings were made with the searchlight being switched off. At 2100, a white and then a red "Very" light and, at 2115, a green "Very" light were discharged. About 2130, 5 Po-2s approached the field from the northwest in line abreast formation and landed individually. At 2300, one aircraft was still seen aloft. Between 11 and 16 August,

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some take-offs and landings were made by Po-2s. [REDACTED]

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6. Between 7 and 18 August, there were no changes at the field or in the occupation of the Weisse Stadt at Oranienburg. A Soviet soldier, contrary to his previous statements, said that the field was to be occupied after a period of 6 to 8 months. [REDACTED]

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7. The following air activity and aircraft were observed at the field between 9 and 26 August:

9 August. Between 0900 and 1015, no activities were observed. The doors of the hangar were closed.

11 August. At 1920, a Po-2 took off from north to south on the large runway, made a local flight and disappeared toward the southeast. Between 1940 and 1945, 4 Po-2s took off at distances of 200 meters, made a local flight and landed again. At 2012, a green "Very" light was discharged at the runway. Subsequently, 5 biplanes took off at even intervals and disappeared toward the northeast. The aircraft had set position lights. At 2145, 5 biplanes flying behind each other at distances of about 300 meters approached from the northeast, landed on the runway and subsequently taxied to the hangar.

13 August. Between 0845 and 1015, no activity was observed at the field.

16 August. Between 1040 and 1140, no flying or other activity was observed.

19 August. At nightfall, no activities were seen at the field. The guardhouse at the northern entrance to the field was lighted.

20 August. Six biplanes were parked southeast of the hangar. No personnel was seen near there.

23 August. As on the preceding day, the biplanes were observed between 1930 and 2045.

24 August. Between 1030 and 1200, there was no air activity.

26 August. About noon, no flying was practiced. Firing of carbines was heard. 3

8. Prior to 27 August, there was no change in the occupation of the Weisse Stadt restricted area. It appeared that most of the soldiers were not on duty. They were repeatedly seen engaged in athletics or in their quarters.

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1. Comment. Unit Igoryev has been stationed at the Weisse Stadt since before the construction work began at the field. At present the unit is probably employed as guard unit.

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2. Comment. Unit Koslov which has a strength of 200 to 250 air force personnel, arrived at Oranienburg between 24 May and 8 June 1954. The unit is equipped with a sizeable number of trucks, including tank trucks. Upon their arrival the soldiers of this unit knew very little German and were also not familiar with German money. It was believed that the unit was an OATS which was to prepare Oranienburg airfield for the arrival of a flying unit.

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3. Comment. Profimshuk (inu) was supply officer of this unit, the estimated 26 officers and 50 EM of which had arrived at Oranienburg in late April 1954, allegedly from Wittstock. Since 10 Po-2s were observed for the first time at the field on 6 May 1954, it is believed that these aircraft belong to the unit, which probably is a training detail of the Northern Fighter Corps.

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4. Comment. According to previous information, Captain Ilyashuk (fnu) is supply officer of this unit which, with about 100 air force soldiers, arrived at Oranienburg on 20 May 1954. The unit is possibly an advance detail of the expected flying unit.

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5. Comment. It has been repeatedly stated, that the runway at Oranienburg airfield is not up to requirements. Should the occupation of the field be postponed for 6 to 8 months, the resumption of construction work may be expected. In that case, Unit Koslov will possibly leave the field again.

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